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Doing the Work

Those who have been ben-
eamed by the wild claims made
on behalf of government power
development should consider
a recent release from the
Edison Electric Institute. Ac-
cording to it, the job of taking
electricity to rural America
will be practically complete in
1951. Work now in progress, or
definitely planned will connect
an additional 1,330,000 rural
dwellings, most of them on
farms, to power lines by the
end of that year.

What that means to rural
America needs little amplifica-
tion—electricity is the cheap-
est and the most efficient ser-
vice ever devised. It can revolu-
tionize the life of the farm
family, doing away with much
manual drudgery and increas-
ing production and income.
And one of the most interest-
ing aspects of this revolution-
ary process is the agency that
is responsible for it.

At the end of last year, 12-
million nine hundred thousand
rural dwellings were taking el-
ectric service. REA co-ops
served two million, and thirty
thousand or 16 percent. Muni-
cipal and other government
agencies brought power to 300
thousand, or about 2 percent.
All the rest—10 million six
hundred thousand dwellings,
representing 82 percent of the
whole—were served by the
business-managed electric com-
panies!

In other words, free enter-
prise, as represented by the
regulated, heavily-taxed util-
ities, is the driving influence
behind the stepped-up rural el-
ectrification program. The tax-
subsidized government power
ventures get most of the prop-
aganda, while the private com-
panies are doing the work

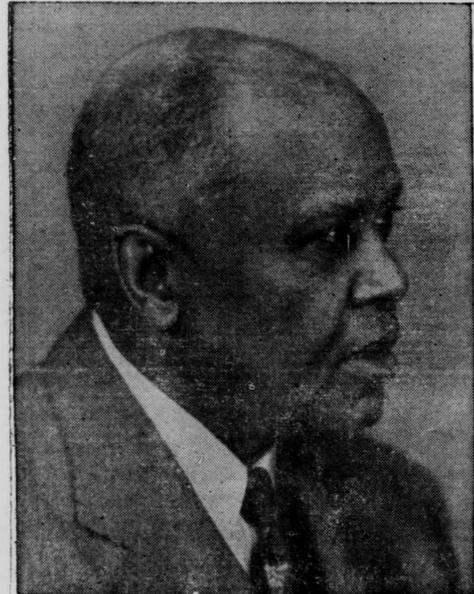
Read the Omaha Guide for
all the news.

ELECT NEGRO STUDENT HEADS MEN'S GROUP IN OREGON COLLEGE

LaGrande, Ore. — Eastern
Oregon College elected Robert
Terry, Negro football player
and honor student as president
of the associated men students,
while co-eds chose Hisako Kid-
o, a Nisei girl, as president of
the associated woman stu-
dents.

The entire 726 enrollment at
the state supported college in-
clude only three Negro boys
and two Nisei girls.

Terry, a resident of LaGrande
has a long string of high
school and college honors to
his credit.



Oscar Micheaux, author and
publisher of the sensational
novel, "The Wind From No-
where," which has been adapt-
ed into movie of epic propor-
tions under the title of, "The
Betrayal." Mr. Micheaux announ-
ces, that the movie will open at
the Mansfield Theater, 256 W.

\$2,252,000 A DAY IS U. S. FIRE BILL

During the past 12 months
fires, largely preventable, de-
stroyed \$703,262,000 worth of
irreplaceable property in the
United States.

Fire destruction continued at
a rate of \$2,252,000 a day for
the first 121 days of this year—
the equivalent of two conflagra-
tions a day.

During the month of April,
an estimate \$63,751,000 worth
of property went up in smoke.
This was a decrease of 6.29 per-
cent from losses of \$68,029,000
in April last year. This was the

first time since March 1944
that monthly fire losses had de-
creased compared to the same
month in the previous year.
However, it is too early to tell
whether this indicates that the
peak of fire destruction has
been reached.

The \$703,262,000 figure does
not include losses paid as a re-
sult of the Texas City disaster,
neither does the Texas City
loss figure in the April 1947 es-
timate. Texas City losses were
largely concussion losses, paid
under extended coverage, not
under fire policies alone.

PIE IN THE SKY

By COLLIER



WINS 1ST CITIZENSHIP AWARD AT COLO. U.

Boulder, Colo. —By popular
vote of the student body of 8,
000 Anthony Ray, 21, has been
awarded at the first Dunklee
Citizenship award at the Uni-
versity of Colorado.

Considered one of the school's
outstanding graduates, Anthony
was chosen for the award
because of his many school
activities and high scholar-
ship. The Dunklee award was
established May 8th, by Ed-
ward V. Dunklee, Denver at-
torney, and graduate in the
class of 1913 from Colorado.

Ray holds a membership in
the oldest honorary fraternity
as former governor Carr of
Colorado, Robert L. Stearns,
president of Colorado and the
"Whizzer" White, Rhodes sch-
olarship student and football

all-American.

Besides playing the ball lye
and the alto clarinet in the
band, he is an active member of
Psi Mu Alpha, honorary music
fraternity; Alpha Phi Omega,
Kappa Kappa Psi, former
vice-president of the Independ-
ent Student association, largest
organization on the campus,
the Players club, Viking
club, and the Cosmopolitan
club, former to further rela-
tions and create better under-
standing among the students.

His major is music. He is a
native of Colorado, his parents
coming to the state from Fay-
ette, Missouri.

A BARRIER FALLS

Although colored physicians
in Dixie are denied admission
to the American Medical As-
sociation, qualified Negro
nurses in the South may now
become members of the meri-
can Nurses Association.

Last week the controlling
board of the American Nurses
Association, the house of del-
egates, voted to admit some
3,000 Nurses who have been
denied membership in several
Southern states.

Neck and Neck

On the average, 80 million
gallons of oil are being sup-
plied each day to the consum-
ers of the United States. That
is an incredible figure, and re-
presents an all-time high. Yet
demand has kept up with pro-
duction and the race is close.

The efforts of the industry
to establish a comfortable mar-
gin of supply over consump-
tion deserve national recog-
nition. Expenditures for new
construction during 1947 and
1948 will total some \$4 billion
dollars. Last year 33,000 new
wells were drilled, and about
37,000 will be sunk this year.
And this number will be in-
creased if sufficient tools be-
come available.

The job of making usable
oil products only begins when
the crude comes out of the
ground. So the industry is
working overtime on building
new refineries and moderniz-
ing old ones, on construction
of storage plants and pipe lines,
and on the expansion of its
marketing facilities. This is
the reason why, in spite of

DEEP SOUTH TOTALI- TARIAN, NOVELIST SAYS

The South had a totalitarian
regime long before Hitler or
Stalin rose to power, Lillian
Smith, well known novelist of
"Strange Fruit," stated in a talk
before the Independent Voters
of Illinois last week in Chi-
cago. The I. V. I. is the Chi-
cago Area Affiliated of the Amer-
icans for Democratic action of
which Miss Smith is a board
member.

Each totalitarian regime is
characterized by a sacred idea,
Miss Smith continued; in the
South it is white supremacy.
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CATHOLIC STUDENTS ORGANIZE BOYCOTT AGAINST INTOLERANCE

Dubuque, Iowa, (Special)—
Students at Immaculate Con-
ception Academy, Catholic ac-
ademy for girls here, have re-
solved to boycott places of
business in which intolerance
of any kind is fostered. The
resolution has been approved
by the faculty at the school,
and student committees have
been sent to other Catholic
schools of the city to solicit
cooperation.

The resolution reads as fol-
lows: "We the students of Im-
maculate Conception, have
pledged ourselves against in-
tolerance, whether racial or
religious.

We purpose not to patronize
places in which these un-Chris-
tian and un-American views
are practiced. We hope thus to
make the owners of these
places realize the selfishness of
such views and reverse their
attitude. Such action, however
will not be taken without not-
ifying them of our intentions.

By this, we mean no personal
offense to the proprietors of
the places where intolerance is
practiced, but let it be known
we shall do all in our power to
combat such intolerance; for
we are convinced that a defini-
te step taken against undemo-
cratic relations will make Du-
buque a better place, and a
better Dubuque means a better
world for us, the citizens of
tomorrow."

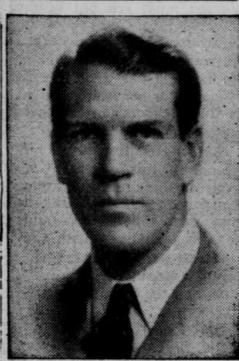
doleful predictions, we have
not had a real oil shortage, and
have been inconvenienced only
by temporary and localized
"dry spots."

Next winter, when the heav-
iest demand comes, there will
be need for voluntary conser-
vation of fuel oil by users. Un-
expected developments may
make the supply-demand situa-
tion tighter than can be fore-
seen now. But the public
should know that all the re-
sources and energies of this
highly competitive industry
are being devoted to the enor-
mous task of seeing that no
one really suffers for lack of
oil.

BISHOPS COMMEND HENRY A WALLACE

Nine Bishops of the African
Methodist Episcopal church
join in a statement commend-
ing the Honorable Henry A.
Wallace for his contribution
to the cause of a living Chris-
tianity to which our daily lives
are dedicated.

Full text of the statement
follows: "We, the following Bishops
of the African Methodist Epis-
copal church, in recognition of
Henry Wallace as a Christian
and as a leader in the cause of
(Continued on Page 4)



N. P. Dodge, Jr. Elected to the
Board of the Metropolitan
Utilities District

N. P. Dodge, Jr., 5014 Cap-
itol Avenue, member of the firm
of N. P. Dodge & Co. was ap-
pointed Director of The Metro-
politan Utilities District at the
regular meeting of the Board,
June 9th. The appointment
was made to fill the unex-
pired term of Allan A. Tuky
left vacant by his death.

N. P. Dodge, Jr. was born in
Botson, in 1910. He is the son
of N. P. Dodge and Grand
Nephew of General Greenville
N. Dodge the engineer in
charge of the building of the
Union Pacific. He was educat-
ed in the public schools then
went to Milton Academy in
Boston and from there natu-
rally gravitated to Harvard. He
was a member of the Harvard
Track team running a pretty
rugged quarter mile. He cap-
tained the track team in his
senior year graduating in 1933.

He married Miss Constance
Wentworth of Boston and has
two children Constance Lem-
oyne, known to all her friends
as Lee, age 14, and one son
Phillipe, Jr. age 11.

He spent three years with
his father learning the real es-
tate business then feeling the
call to public service entered
the O.P.A. and at the time of
his resignation from the ser-
vice to rejoin his father in the
real estate business. He was
food administrator for six of
the southern states.

During the second World
War he served as flying in-
structor first in Lincoln and
Sioux City later wishing for
more active service he was at-
tached to the U.S. Ferry Com-
mand taking planes from Bu-
balo overseas later to Africa
and the Mediterranean. He re-
joined his father's firm after
the war to look after their ex-
panding real estate holdings,
which are pretty well scatter-
ed all over the United States.

He is a member of the Omaha
Post of The American
Legion.

He is a tireless worker, a
good administrator and believes
that a business man owes the
community which gives him
support a share of his time for
public service.

OPEN LETTER

Director of the Rent Control
Board
WOW Building
Omaha 2, Nebraska
Debar Sir,

I understand that a vacancy
exists in the Rent Advisory
Board. I, therefore, readily re-
commend Mrs. Viola Beeson for
that vacancy.

Her past participation in the
Rent Board and her deep con-
cern for the welfare of the rent-
er has earned her the privilege
of serving on that board again.
With increasing prices of the
necessities of life since the eli-
mination of the OPA and the
inflation that is already playing
frightful havoc with many an
American family: it is most vit-
al that the community and the
area have on its Board of Rent
Control, one who will express
the elementary needs and de-
fend the economic positions of
those that are forced to rent.

Hoping such a qualified per-
son as Mrs. Beeson will serve
on your Rent Board, I remain,
Very truly yours,
H. Mendelson,

CHILDREN HIT HARDEST BY FIRE

Fires and burns account for
nearly one-fourth of all fatal
accidents to preschool-age boys
according to Metropolitan Life
Insurance Company's Statisti-
cal Bulletin. The rate jumps
to almost two-fifths among
girls. Accidents now outrank
every other cause of death for
this age group and have shown
the least improvement over
previous years.

Since 1930, child fatalities
from common diseases have de-
clined as much as 75 to 90 per-
cent, where as the accident de-
ath rate for the same period has
dropped only 9 per cent and
19 per cent for girls.

The U. S. Office of Educa-
tion reports that 3 out of every
10 fires deaths occur to child-
ren of elementary school age
and under.

OUR Guest Column

KING-SIZE FIGURES

The United States economy
cannot be air-lifted or truck-
borne, says the San Francisco
Chronicle editorially. If it is
to move it must move by rail
or not at all.

Back of that statement lie
what the Chronicle terms
King-size figures. This coun-
try has 227 thousand miles of
railroad—29 percent of the
world's mileage. It has a mil-
lion, 750 thousand freight cars,
which transported 654 billion
ton-miles of freight last year.
Along with it, the lines rolled
up nearly 46 billion passenger
miles. And the value of the
railroads is something like
28 billion dollars, according to
conservative analysis—or al-
most 120 thousand dollars per
mile of line.

It would take an astronomer
to visualize figures such as
these. But there is one easily
assimilated comparison which
points to our dependency on
the railroads. They haul seven-
tenths of the nation's freight.
All the other carriers—the
waterways, the trucks, the
pipe lines, the air carriers, the
lake steamers—move together
only three-tenths of the whole.

The Chronicle's editorial
was occasioned by the threat-
ened strike which was pre-
vented by government action.
As it said, "we would find even
a week's rail strike inconceiv-
able and intolerable." Going
farther, all the activity in this
country is tied in one way or
another to efficient railroad
service—the kind of service
that moves the goods when we
want them moved, and takes
them swiftly and safely to
where they are needed. That
is the enormous stake we
Americans have in our railroads.

DON'T BLAME PROFITS

A short time ago a survey
was made of the way families
are attempting to meet current
living costs. Heavy majorities
reported that they were buy-
ing only necessities, doing
without things, and trying to
make food and clothing go far-
ther. They also reported, gen-
erally speaking, that it was ne-
cessary to spend a higher por-
tion of their income for
food.

This is the inevitable conse-
quence of an inflation which
has not yet spent its course.
Some groups have managed to
increase their earnings suffi-
ciently to offset price increases.
Some have bettered their posi-
tions. Millions of people, on
the other hand, have been
forced to steadily reduce their
purchasing, and there is no re-
lief in sight.

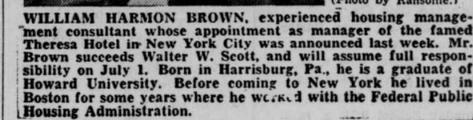
It is easy and perhaps natu-
ral to blame business for creat-
ing this problem. From various
quarters, we hear ominous talk
of the size of industrial profits.
Retail stores have been pick-
eted by people with angry ban-
ners protesting the going prices
of food, clothing and just
about everything else. Natural
or not, this attitude is based
on serious misconceptions. For
the truth is that the net profits
of industry, the money which
can be retained by the owners
of the tools—millions of invest-
ors who have put their savings
in industry—are one of the sm-
allest items in the cost of doing
business. And surveys of retail
trade, including both the chain
and the independents, show
that most stores earn a profit
of only one to five or six cents,
according to type of goods sold
out of each dollar they take in.
Certainly there is no margin
there that will permit price cut-
ting.

Business of all kinds is as
worried about high prices as
any consumer. It knows that
mass production and mass dis-
tribution cannot survive if peo-
ple cannot afford to buy. Price
have gone up in spite of its ef-
fort to hold them down.

YE CORNER CUBOARD

Ye Corner Cuboard on 26th
and Patrick wish to announce
it is now open. We specialize
in fresh vegetables meats and
notions—Our aim is to satisfy
you.

Mrs. V. Anderson,
Manager



WILLIAM HARMON BROWN, experienced housing man-
agement consultant whose appointment as manager of the famed
Theresa Hotel in New York City was announced last week. Mr.
Brown succeeds Walter W. Scott, and will assume full respon-
sibility on July 1. Born in Harrisburg, Pa., he is a graduate of
Howard University. Before coming to New York he lived in
Boston for some years where he worked with the Federal Public
Housing Administration.

WHITE BAPTIST URGE SEGREGA- TION END

White, NAACP secretary, who
with Dr. Bernard Clausen, the
Cleveland clergyman upheld
the negative side of the ques-
tion: "Will increased military
preparedness help to make Am-
erica secure and contribute to
an enduring peace?" In the de-
bate the affirmative side was
advocated by Dr. Daniel A.
Poling, a member of the Pres-
idents Commission to Study
Universal Military Training,
and Perry Brown, chairman of
the American Legion's National
Security Commission.

"No nation in human history,"
Mr. White maintained,
"has ever gone in for militar-
ization of its people and the
building of a vast war mach-
ine without eventually suffer-
ing defeat, the bankrupting of
its economy, the impoverish-
ment of its people, and the set-
ting in motion of retaliatory
able to war and destruction.

Milwaukee—Elimination of
segregation and discrimination
in education housing, employ-
ment and the armed services
was urged in resolutions un-
animously adopted by delegates
attending the Northern Bapt-
ist Convention here last week.
The delegates endorsed the
report of the President's Com-
mittee on Civil Rights.

Other resolutions of the con-
vention deplored the "all too
common pattern of enforced
segregation within its own in-
stitutions, and urged these in-
stitutions and the local church-
es to renounce and correct the
condition within their respec-
tive fellowships." affirm the
right of the individual to free
dom of speech and association;
and opposed compulsory peace
time military conscription.

Participating in the Con-
vention program was Walter

Elected



—NANKING, CHINA — (Soundphoto) — Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek
beams with her husband as they read messages from abroad com-
gratulating Chiang on his election as the first President of the Chi-
nese Republic under the new Constitution. Chiang was elected in
April, but he has been top man in China for many years with the
title of Generalissimo.

SOUTHERN CATHOLIC MEN ARE FOR UNITY

New Orleans, La.—An inter-
racial committee of leading Cath-
olic laymen was set up last
week by Holy Name Societies
of this Southern, Catholic city.
Its stated purpose was "for
mutual exchange of thought &
action between the racial group
"This interracial group is a
first step, too long delayed in
the direction of concerted ac-
tion toward a higher spiritual
development for Holy Name
men," said J. Elliott Sheehan,
retiring president of the Metro-
politan Council of Holy Name
Societies, in announcing the
move.

Mr. Sheehan and Albert A.
Levy Sr., his successor as the
president of the Metropolitan
council, were chosen among
those to serve on the commit-
tee of three white and three of
the Negro Holy Name officials.
There are about 3,000 Holy
Name members in New Orleans
of whom a fourth are Negroes.

Destroyer of Crops
Hail storms destroy more farm
crops in America than tornadoes.

SPEBSQSA CONVENTION

Omaha will be host to the
1950 convention of the
SPEBSQSA, the Society for
Preservation and Encourage-
ment of Barber Shop Quartet
Singing in America. The an-
nouncement was made Friday
by the Omaha Chamber of
Commerce Convention man-
ager, Norman Haried, who
went to Oklahoma City early
this week to invite the group
to Omaha.

Approximately 3,000 Barber
Shop Singers are now in Okla-
homa City for this year's con-
vention.

Mr. Haried said that Omaha
secured the 1950 parley large-
ly through the help of C. E.
Wilson of Omaha. Mr. Wilson
is a Past President of the Ak-
Sar-Ben chapter SPEBSQSA
and is now a member of the
Board of Directors of the In-
ternational group.

Omaha's invitation for the
convention was accepted over
similar offers from Toledo,
Miami and Kansas City.
More than 60 Omaha mem-
bers of SPEBSQSA are in at-
tendance at the Oklahoma City
convention.